

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020 Food Scraps/ Organics Collection and Diversion Working Group via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	December 10, 2020 1pm
Prepared by:	Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 1:00pm.

Co-chairs Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner and Ronald McDaniel, Mayor of Montville provided opening remarks, housekeeping rules and the agenda, introduction of the speakers and shared excitement about the previous full-coalition meeting. They emphasized the goal to have a discussion-based conversation during today's meeting.

II. Committee Reports

Caren Harder, Environmental Compliance Specialist 3, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection presented on the Commercial Organics Recycling Law; providing an overview of the history of the law and the requirements of the law. Currently there is no reporting requirement for the food waste generators. Caren spoke about her work with generators, and went into the inspection process she provides on her site visits. She spoke about the compliance assistance approach, if those under law find out they're not in compliance and adjust, they're compliant.

Daria Larson, Graduate Student Professional Intern, formerly with DEEP, currently with Southern Connecticut regional council of governments (SCRCOG) spoke about her project for DEEP, looking for Connecticut farmers that would possibly be willing to accept food waste as animal feed. She also covered her factsheet for farmers to accept food waste as feed. Daria found 24 farms expressing interest in accepting food waste for use as animal feed.

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members were interested in learning more about the mileage and sectors included in the law and why are there these limits, additionally there were questions about the enforcement of the law.

The bulk of the group discussion was around the barriers to collection and processing (infrastructure, financing) of food waste from the perspective of the municipalities. Members also brought up local farms and food waste in the curriculum. Permitting timelines and collection system barriers were key topics discussed. The need for public education and outreach and materials was highlighted. Behavior

change on the residential level is difficult, especially for towns with transfer station drop-off. Discussion around which comes first – infrastructure or feedstock. The working group members were also interested in fees or discounts for participation. There was much discussion on partnerships for supporting this work.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature or the “raise hand” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

Members of the public were interested in hearing what Caren might recommend to strengthen the Commercial Organics Recycling law. A question about how far are we willing to ship food waste also came up in the discussion from a member of the public. There were also questions about leadership on these issues

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:59pm

Attachment A

Host Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)				
Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)				
Panelist Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)				
Yes	Peter Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)				
Yes	VictorBenni				
Yes	Michael Looney - City of Hartford (MichaelLooney)				

Yes	Ed Mone - Thomaston (EdMone)				
Yes	Ron McDaniel - Montville (Ron McDaniel)				
Yes	Katie Dykes - DEEP (Katie Dykes)				
Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)				
Yes	BudMcAllister				
Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)				
Yes	Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)				
Yes	Terri Christenson - Harwinton (TERRICHRISTE NSON)				
Yes	Carol Bufithis - Middlefield (CarolBufithis)				
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Yes	Caren Harder				
Yes	Caren Harder - DEEP (Caren Harder)				
Yes	Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)				
Yes	Raymond Drew - Torrington (RaymondDre w)				
Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)				

Yes	Jennifer Heaton-Jones - HRRRA (JenniferHeaton-Jones)				
Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Shar on TS (BrianBartram)				
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (JaniceEhle/Meyer)				
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)				
Yes	Virginia Walton - Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)				
Yes	Katherine Bruns - West Hartford (KatherineBrunns)				
Yes	Ali Ghiorse - Greenwich Waste Management Committee (AliGhiorse)				
Yes	Robert Isner DEEP (Robert Isner)				
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Yes	Robert Isner				
Yes	Daria Larson - SCRCOG (Daria Larson)				
Yes	Jean Speck - Kent (JeanSpeck)				

Yes	Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)				
Yes	Sally Katz - Wethersfield (SallyKatz)				
Yes	John Phetteplace - Stonington (JohnPhetteplace)				
Yes	Kori Wisneski - Middletown (KoriWisneski)				
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Yes	BurtonGuion				
Yes	Scott Kalb - Greenwich Waste Management Committee (ScottKalb)				
Yes	Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)				
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Yes	Denise Raap - Litchfield (DeniseRaap)				
Yes	Joe DeRisi - Hamden (joeDeRisi)				
Yes	R. Stephen Lynch - ECRRA (R. StephenLynch)				
Attendee Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization	
Yes	Brian Freeman	Hartford	CT	Robinson+Cole	
Yes	Linda Zaffetti	Suffield	CT	Suffield DPW	

Yes	Samuel King	Hartford	CT	Blue Earth Compost	
Yes	Alex Rodriguez	Hartford	CT	CT League of Conservation Voters	
Yes	Peter Brunelli	Hartford	CT	CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)	
Yes	Linda Kowalski	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC	
Yes	Victor Benni - Old Saybrook (Victor Benni)	Old Saybrook	CT	Town of Old Saybrook	
Yes	Ashley Muspratt	Northampton	MA	CET	
Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC	
Yes	Michael Looney	Hartford	CT	City of Hartford	
Yes	Saranda Alka	Wolcott	CT	CTLCV	
Yes	Ed Mone	Thomaston	CT	Town of	
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR ENVIRONMENT	
Yes	Luis de la Parte				
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling	
Yes	Stephanie Compton	Baltimore	MD	Energy Justice Network	
Yes	Bud McAllister	New London	CT	Partners in Healthy Communities	
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Yes	Mike Ewall	Philadelphia	PA	Energy Justice Network	
Yes	Rod McNeil	Milford	CT	AgCycle Power	
Yes	Leah Retherford	Ridgewood	NY	Atlas Organics	
Yes	TERRI CHRISTENSON	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton	
Yes	Greg McCarron	Suffern	NY	SCS Engineers	
Yes	Carol Bufithis	Middlefield	CT	Middlefield Selectperson	

Yes	Josh Hughes	West hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting	
Yes	Samantha Dynowski	Hartford	CT	Sierra Club Connecticut	
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC	
Yes	Raymond Drew	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington	
Yes	Liz Connelly	Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting LLC	
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT	
Yes	Jennifer Heaton-Jones	Brookfield	CT	Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority	
Yes	Brian Bartram	Salisbury/Shar on	CT	Salisbury/Shar on Transfer Station	
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer	Essex	CT	RiverCOG	
Yes	Magen Bakaj	Hartford	CT	MDC	
Yes	Debra Darby	Gloucester	MA	Tetra Tech	
Yes	Julie Cammarata	New London	CT	CGA	
Yes	Virginia Walton	Storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield	
Yes	Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	CT	Department of Public Works	
Yes	Ali Ghiorse	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Waste Management Committee	
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	AL	Murphy Road Recycling LLC	
Yes	Jean Speck	Kent	CT	Town of Kent	
Yes	Dave Aldridge	Gales Ferry	AL	SCRRA	
Yes	Chris Field	Farmington	CT	WeCare Denali LLC	
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Yes	Sally Katz	Wethersfield	CT	Town of Wethersfield	
Yes	John Phetteplace	Stonington	CT	Town of Stonington	

Yes	Mark Barmasse	Middletown	CT	Arcadis	
Yes	Kori Wisneski	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown	
Yes	Burton Guion - SCRCOG (Burton Guion)	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG	
Yes	Scott Kalb	Greenwich	CT	Secretary, First Selectman's Waste Management Committee	
Yes	Pamela Roach	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG	
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Yes	Denise Raap	litchfield	CT	Town of Litchfield	
Yes	joe DeRisi	Hamden	CT	Town of Hamden	
Yes	R. Stephen Lynch	Middletown	CT	ECRRA	